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Applicants: Russell et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Bellevue, Washington 98004

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TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2005, and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 20, 2005, applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as set forth below and that the Examiner reconsider the application in connection with a Request for Continued Examination, which is filed concurrently herewith, in view of these amendments and the Remarks that follow. The claims are amended as set forth below.